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In re

Patent Application of

Laurent De Volder

Application No. Unassigned

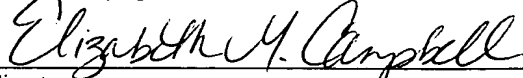
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"APPARATUS FOR PRINTING OBJECTS OF  
THE TABLET TYPE, IN PARTICULAR  
MEDICAL TABLETS AND PROCESS  
THEREFOR"

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PETITION FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 120

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3), applicant hereby petitions for priority under 35 USC 120 based upon a previously filed application..

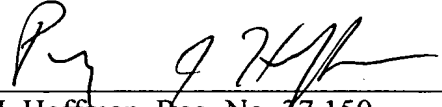
The delay was unintentional. Applicant inadvertently filed for benefit claim under 35 USC 120 and 119 in error in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/101,895, which derives benefit of priority from PCT/BE00/00110 and Belgian Application No. 990630.

The reference required by 35 USC 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) is attached.

Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Applicant set out the priority claim in the attached documents, (1) Utility Patent Application Transmittal, (2) Claim for Priority Under 35 USC 119 and Claim for Priority Under 35 USC 120, and (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1965 for payment of the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m). A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	018758-9002
First Inventor	Laurent De V lder
Title	Apparatus For Printing Objects Of The Tablet Type. In Particular. . .
Express Mail Label No.	EV047728454US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **12**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **4**]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **1**]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: **Claim for Priority**  
**PCT Preliminary Examination**

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)of prior application No.: **PCT / BE00/00110**

Prior application information:

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Laurent De Volder ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
CASE: 018758-9002 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
SERIAL NO.: ) CLAIM FOR PRIORITY  
FILED ON: Herewith ) UNDER 35 USC 119 AND  
FOR: APPARATUS FOR PRINTING OBJECTS OF ) CLAIM FOR PRIORITY  
THE TABLET TYPE, IN PARTICULAR MEDICAL ) UNDER 35 USC 120  
TABLETS AND PROCESS THEREFOR )

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- [ ] Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Submitted herewith is check No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the extension. If a check is lost, or otherwise does not accompany this Petition, please charge my deposit account number 50-1965 in the appropriate amount to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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# Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Apparatus for Printing Objects of the Tablet Type, in Particular Medical Tablets and Process Therefor  
the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on March 20, 2002

as United States Application Serial Number 10/101,895

or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

## Priority Claimed

9900630 Belgium  
(Number) Country

21/09/1999  
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Application Number)

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(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT/BE00/00110  
(Application Serial No.)

September 21, 2000  
(Filing Date)

Pending  
(Status)  
(patented, pending, abandoned)

(Applicati n Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent( ) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please see attached list \_\_\_\_\_

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Applicant hereby claims all priority rights granted under 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and similar treaties. A certified copy of corresponding Belgium application No. 9900630, filed September 21, 1999, will be submitted at a later date.

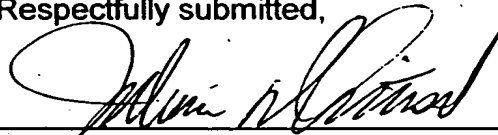
CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 120

In addition, Applicant hereby claims all priority rights granted under 35 U.S.C. 120 and the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and similar treaties of PCT Application No. PCT/BE00/00110, filed September 21, 2000.

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